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**DEQ Releases Proposed Plan for Cleanup of Joslyn Street Tailings CECRA Facility**

*Members of the public are invited to submit their comments and attend a meeting*

Helena – The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is seeking public comment on the proposed cleanup plan for the Joslyn Street Tailings State Superfund Facility (Facility) located in Helena. The public is also encouraged to attend a meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 13, 2019 at the Lewis and Clark Library located at 120 South Last Chance Gulch in Helena.

The proposed plan summarizes the cleanup options DEQ evaluated to address metal contamination in soil and groundwater. The public is encouraged to offer suggestions for improving the proposed cleanup measures, or to submit reasons to implement other alternatives for the project.

The proposed plan identifies and explains DEQ's preferred option for cleaning up contamination at the Facility that may present a threat to human health and the environment.

The following options are proposed to be used to address soil and groundwater contamination at the Facility:

- removal and off-site disposal of contaminated soil
- monitored natural attenuation of contaminated groundwater
- property and groundwater use limitations for certain areas

DEQ's proposal can be found online at (<http://deq.mt.gov/Public/publiccomment>), at DEQ's Cedar Building (1225 Cedar Street in Helena), or at the Lewis and Clark Library (120 South Last Chance Gulch in Helena). The final plan for cleaning up the Facility will be documented by DEQ in a record of decision after DEQ considers each public comment submitted during the 30-day public comment period, which starts June 1, 2019 and ends July 1, 2019.

For more information regarding Joslyn Street Tailings, please contact Scott Owen at 406-444-6804 or at [sowen2@mt.gov](mailto:sowen2@mt.gov).

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